

Appl. No. 10/774.166  
Amdt. Dated January 10, 2006  
Reply to Final Office action of 11-1-2005

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application.

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In addition, the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter for claims 12 and 13 if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have canceled claim 1 and amended claims 2, 5, 6, 7, and 12. Applicants would like to preserve the right to continue prosecuting the canceled claim(s) in the future.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter for claims 12 and 13 if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (Final Office Action, page 4). Applicants have amended claim 12 to include all the limitations of the base claim 1. Claims 2, 5-7 have been amended to correct the claim dependency.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the case is in conditional for allowance.

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**Conclusion**

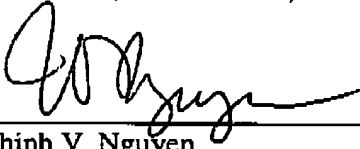
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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